

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**RESPONSE TO APRIL 17, 2007 OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated April 17, 2007. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 10.

For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement previously filed on December 28, 2006, including the two-page citation list, and copies of cited non-U.S. patent documents, are enclosed.

A petition to change inventorship is filed concurrently herewith.

Please charge the petition fee and any fee needed to continue prosecution, if not otherwise provided for herewith, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.